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TRAIN WEIGHTS RAISED; FUEL ECONOMY PUSHED

ORDZHONIKIDZE SYSTEM RAISES TRAIN WEIGHTS -- Gudok, No 17, 8 Feb 50

Some locomotive engineers operating out of the Mineral'nyye Vody Loconotive Depot of the Ordzhonikidze Railroad System have begun handling doubleweight trains weighing 3,000-3,400 tons. This practice is being emulated by locomotive engineers at Prakhladnaya, Groznyy, Berbent, and on the Azerbaydwhen Railroad System. The use of double-weight trains has increased the traffic capacity of the Makhach-Kala -- Derbent section, where formerly the increase in freight flow from south to north frequently caused congestion of the Makhach-Kala railroad center, which as a result was often compelled to refuse to accept trains from the neighboring Groznyy division. Consequently, the difficulties were spread all along the Caucasus main line.

It has been calculated that if only four double-weight trains are handled on the Ordzhonikidze System per day, the yearly saving will amount to more than 18 million rubles.

3,457-TON TANK-CAR TRAIN -- Gudok No 14, 1 Feb 50

A locomotive engineer operating out of the Irkutak Depot recently hauled a double-weight tank-car train weighing 3,457 tons.

FLECTRES LOCOMOTIVES DOUBLE WEIGHT NORM -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 79, 2 Apr 50

Two electric locomotives operating out of the Nikopol' Electric Locomotive Depot recently hauled double-weight trains from Dolgintsevo to Nikopol'. The trains weighed almost 4,000 tons each.

Gudok, 16 33, 17 Mar 50

On 15 March, two ore trains which exceeded the weight norm by 1,900 tons were hauled by electric locomotives from Dongintsevo to Nikopol'.

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MORE WEIGHT NORMS EXCEEDED - Vechernyaya Moskva, No 83, 7 Apr 50

A series L locomotive recently hauled a 1,990-ton train from Mozhaysk to Moscow. The train weight exceeded the norm by 390 tons.

Another series L locomotive hauled an 1,800-ton train from the Depot imeni Il'ich in Moscow to Mozhaysk. This train exceeded the established weight norm by 300 tons.

Gudok, No 62, 24 May 50

Locomotives of the Chusovskaya and Usol'skaya depots are hauling trains weighing up to 4,000 tons.

WESTERN SYSTEMS RAISES TRAIN WEIGHTS, SPEEDS -- Gudok, No 51, 28 Apr 50

The summer schedule for train traffic on the Western Railroad System calls for a considerable increase in the norms for train weights and average speed excluding stops.

Since 15 March the weight norm for trains on all of the Moscow-Minsk main line in both directions has been increased by 100 tons. During the first 20 days of April, the system handled a total of 948 above-norm-weight trains in which about 180,000 tons of freight above plan were carried.

ODESSA SYSTEM TO RAISE TRAIN WEIGHTS -- Gudok, No 59, 17 May 50

In honor of Railroad Workers' Day, workers of the Odessa Railroad System have pledged to raise the average weight of freight trains by 35 tons in comparison with the norm and to handle 4,200 above-norm-weight trains from May through July, carrying in them 500,000 tons of freight above plan.

SOUTHWESTERN OKRUG SAVES COAL -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 111, 11 May 50

Locomotive workers of the Southwestern Railroad Okrug have saved about 100,000 tons of coal since the first of the year. In April, the amount of fuel saved equaled the amount necessary to run the locomotives of the okrug's railroad systems for $3\frac{1}{2}$ days.

So far this year more than 52,000 tons of cinders and clinker siftings have been used.

SOUTHERN SYSTEM REPORTS FUEL SAVINGS -- Gudok, No 21, 17 Feb 50

In 1949, the Southern Railroad System saved 197,000 tons of fuel. Expenditures of coal were 16 percent under the 1948 figure and 10 percent lower than the 1940 figure.

Locomotive brigades of the Southern System have pledged to handle not less than 30,000 above-norm-weight trains and to use not less than 40,000 tons of fuel wastes during 1950.

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SOUTHERN SYSTEM SAVES COAL -- Gudok, No 46, 16 Apr 50

During March, the Southern Railroad System saved an amount of coal equal to the amount necessary to run all the locomotives of the system for 5.5 days.

LENINGRAD SYSTEMS BURNS SHALES, WASTES -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 70, 8 Apr 50

During the past 10 days, the Leningrad Railroad System has used more than 1,000 tons of oil shales and over 200 tons of fuel wastes for locomotive fuel.

YUDINO DEPOT SAVES FUEL -- Gudok, No 63, 26 May 50

During April, fuel expenditures by the Yudino depot of the Kazan' Railroad System were 15.2 percent below the norm. Engineers ran 535 trains on the coal saved.

One locomotive crew succeeded in saving 54.7 tons of fuel, enough to run 16 trains.

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